

DEFEND SUPPORT FOR POWER STATION WORKERS

Don't risk DUTTON

The Albanese Labor Government has delivered on a key promise to coal power workers and regions by establishing a national, independent Authority to provide co-ordinate support for future jobs and investment.

The Net Zero Economy Authority was established in December 2024. The Authority will work with unions, communities, state and local governments and industry to facilitate the development of new industries in traditional energy areas and co-ordinate redeployment for displaced power station workers.

Central to the Authority's work is the 'Energy Industry Jobs Plan' (EIJP) that places obligations on employers at closing power stations to support their workforce including retraining, engagement with potential future employers, and paid time off work for these activities.

It also sets up pathways into new jobs through pooled redeployment schemes, with incentives for other local employers to hire displaced workers.

In addition to facilitating support for workers, the NZEA is tasked with developing new industries and facilitating investment in regions affected by power station closures.

The NZEA will provide clear job pathways and support for power station workers into alternative jobs and industries.

Peter Dutton and the Liberal National Party opposed the established the Net Zero Economy Authority.

Seven power stations closed when the LNP were in power and they refused any federal support to affected workers or communities. Communities like Lithgow and the Latrobe Valley are paying the price.

After years of campaigning by power station workers for co-ordinated national support at a time of great upheaval in the energy industry, we can't risk the NZEA being dismantled just as its work is getting underway.



MEU energy members campaigned for years for a federal Authority to co-ordinate support for power station workers

